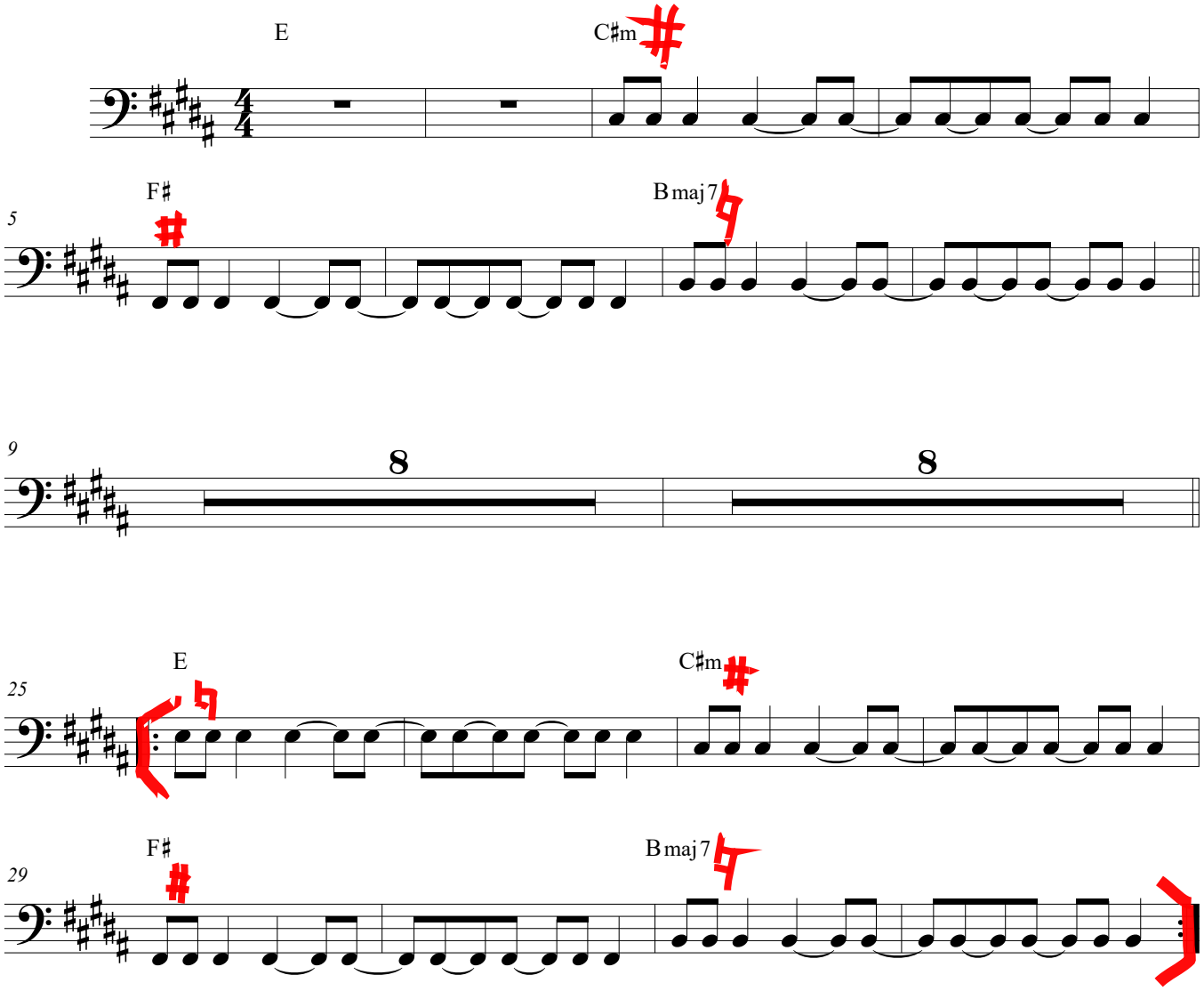AS IT WAS